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For: COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE)	
POLYPROTEIN NS3/NS4 AND THE)	
POLYPEPTIDE NS5B OF HCV,)	
EXPRESSION VECTORS INCLUDING)	
THE CORRESPONDING NUCLEIC)	
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FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report in connection with the above-identified application as well as a copy of the Preliminary French Search Report.

U.S. Patent Documents

1. Houghton et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,312,889 B1, issued on November 6, 2001.

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